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1. ACCORDING TO JUSTICE DEPT., TRIAL WILL START MARCH 9
OF AMERICAN CITIZEN WOMAN OF PHILIPPINE EXTRACTION WHO
WAS APPREHENDED MARCH 1975 CROSSING INTO US FROM CANADA
CARRYING LARGE SUM OF MONEY. SHE WAS ALSO CARRYING
DOCUMENTS WHICH SUGGESTED SHE WAS ACTING AS COURIER
BETWEEN PRC EMBASSY OTTAWA AND A REBEL GROUP IN THE
PHILIPPINES. PRESS STORIES AT THE TIME CONNECTED THIS
CASE WITH CANADIAN EXPULSION OF PRC DIPLOMAT (REFS B AND
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- 2. CHARGE AGAINST WOMAN IS FAILURE TO DECLARE MONEY ON CUSTOMS FORM. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO JUSTICE DEPT., PROSECUTION MAY HAVE TO INTRODUCE SOME OF THE DOCUMENTS IN ORDER TO PROVE INTENT (E.G. IF DEFENDANT CLAIMS SHE DID NOT KNOW CONTENTS OF PACKAGE SHE WAS CARRYING). IF SO, CASE IS LIKELY TO RECEIVE SOME PUBLICITY.
- 3. FOR MANILA. YOU MAY INFORM GOP OF TRIAL STARTING

MARCH 9 AND INFORMATION IN PARA 2.

4. FOR OTTAWA. THIS INFORMATION GIVEN TO CANADIAN EMBOFF WHO SAID HE WOULD REPORT TO OTTAWA. INGERSOLL

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